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# **RPSEA Onshore Program**

## ***Overview and Research Highlights***

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# Mission & Goals

- **Small Producer Mission & Goals**

- Increase supply from mature resources
  - Reduce cost
  - Increase efficiency
  - Improve safety
  - Minimize environmental impact

- **Unconventional Gas Mission & Goal**

- *Economically viable* technologies to allow environmentally acceptable development of unconventional gas resources
  - Gas Shales
  - Tight Sands
  - Coalbed Methane

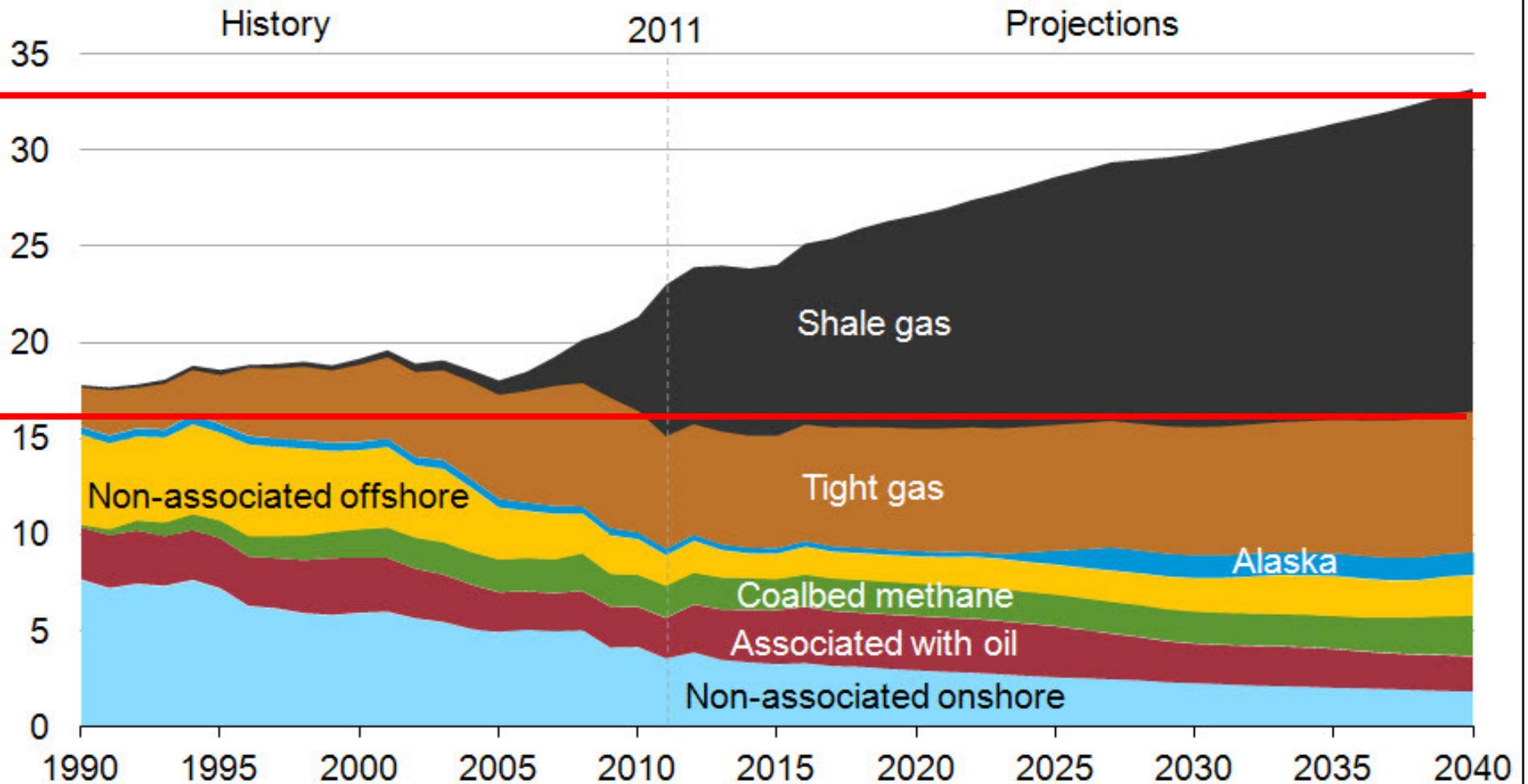
# Environmental Issues

- > Hydraulic Fracturing
- > Land Use
- > Air Emissions
- > Water Usage
- > Water Quality
- > Traffic
- > Road Damage
- > Noise
- > Wildlife
- > Image Deficit



# U.S Gas Production

U.S. dry natural gas production  
trillion cubic feet



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Outlook 2013 Early Release*

# Onshore Projects

## Unconventional Resources

60 Projects  
27 Completed

## Small Producers

30 Projects  
11 Completed

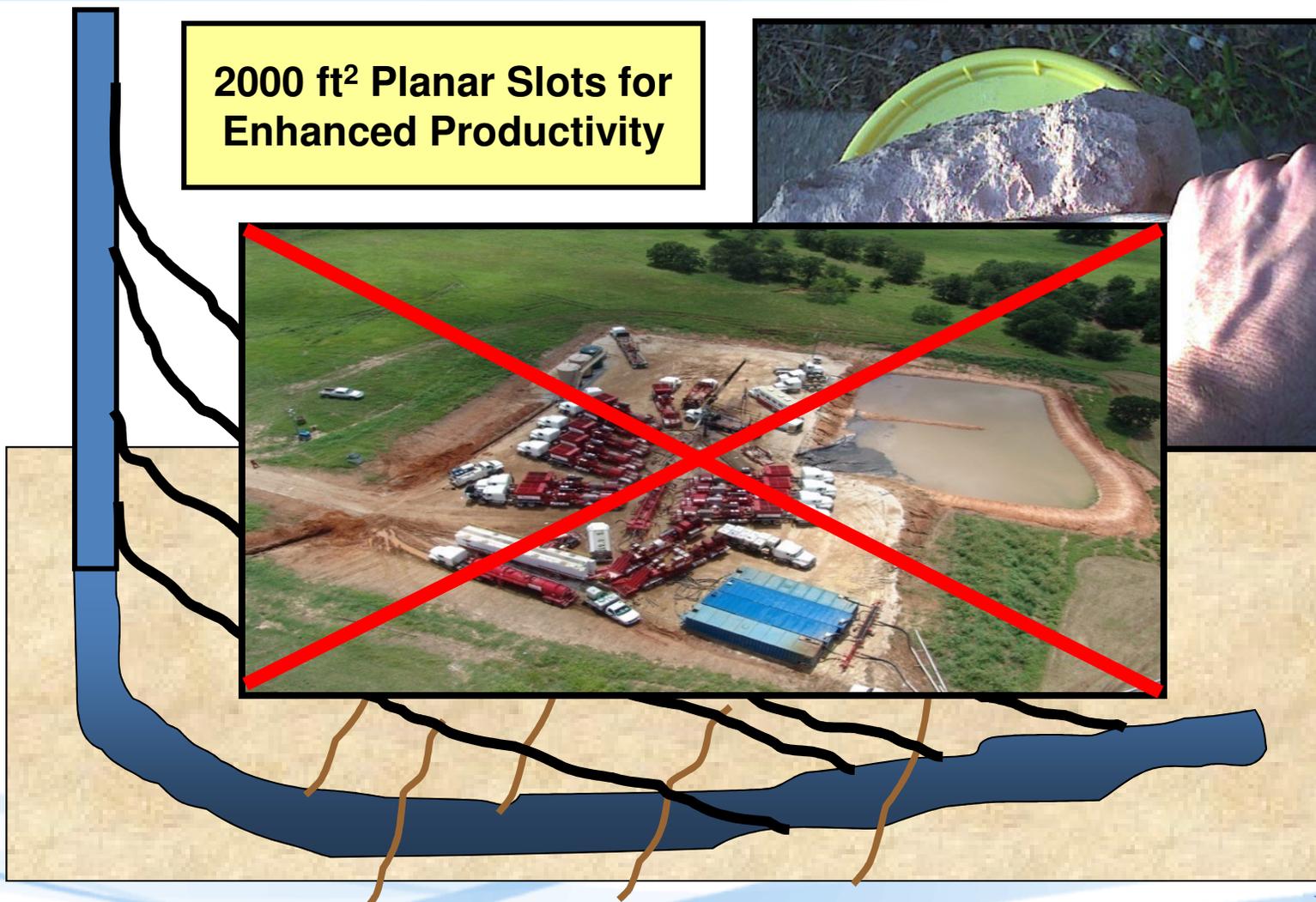
	Gas Shales	Tight Sands
Integrated Basin Analysis	New Albany (GTI) \$3.4 Marcellus (GTI) \$3.2 Mancos (UTGS) \$1.1 <i>Technology Integration (HARC) \$6.0</i>	Piceance (CSM) \$2.9 <i>Piceance Permeability Prediction (CSM) \$0.5</i>
Stimulation and Completion	Cutters (Carter) \$.09 Frac (UT Austin) \$.69 Refrac (UT Austin) \$.95 <b>Frac Cond (TEES) \$1.6</b> Stimulation Domains (Higgs-Palmer) \$0.39 Fault Reactivation (WVU) \$0.85 <i>Cryogenic Frac Fluids(CSM) \$1.9</i> <i>Geomechanical Frac Containment Analysis (TAMU) \$0.65</i> <i>Frac Diagnostics (TAMU) \$0.76</i> <i>Conductivity of Complex Fracturing in Unconventional Shale Reservoirs(TAMU) \$.88</i> <i>Advanced Hydraulic Fracturing (GTI)\$6.2</i>	Gel Damage (TEES) \$1.05 Frac Damage (Tulsa) \$.22 Foam Flow (Tulsa) \$0.57 Petrophysics and Tight Rock Characterization for the Application of Improved Stimulation and Production Technology in Shale (OSU) \$1.5
Reservoir Description & Management	Hi Res. Imag. (LBNL) \$1.1 <b>Gas Isotope (Caltech) \$1.2</b> <b>Marcellus Nat. Frac./Stress (BEG) \$1.0</b> Frac-Matrix Interaction (UT-Arl) \$0.46 Marcellus Geomechanics (PSU) \$3.1	Tight Gas Exp. System (LBNL) \$1.7 <b>Strat. Controls on Perm. (CSM) \$0.1</b> Fluid Flow in Tight Fms. (MUST) \$1.2
Reservoir Engineering	Decision Model (TEES) \$.31 <b>Coupled Analysis (LBNL) \$2.9</b> Shale Simulation (OU) \$1.05	Wamsutter (Tulsa) \$.44 Forecasting (Utah) \$1.1 Condensate (Stanford) \$.52
Exploration Technologies	<b>Multi-Azimuth Seismic (BEG) \$1.1</b>	
Drilling	Drilling Fluids for Shale (UT Austin) \$0.6	
<b>2007 Projects;</b> <b>2008 Projects;</b> <b>2009 Projects;</b> <b>2010 Projects;</b> <b>2011 Projects</b>		

<b>Water Management</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Barnett &amp; Appalachian (GTI) \$2.5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Integrated Treatment Framework (CSM) \$1.56</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>NORM Mitigation (GE) \$1.6</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Water Handling and Enhanced Productivity from Gas Shales; (USC)\$1.7</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Development of GIS-Based Tool for Optimized Fluid Management in Shale Operations(CSU)\$1.1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Advanced Treatment of Shale Gas Frac Water to Produce NPDES Quality Water (SRI)\$1.9</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cost-Effective Treatment of Flowback and Produced Waters via an Integrated Precipitative Supercritical Process(OhioU)\$1.9</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Development of Subsurface Brine Disposal Framework in the Northern Appalachian Basin(Battelle)\$1.9</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Development of Plasma Technology for the Management of Frac/Produced Water (Drexel)\$1.5</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Advancing a Web-Based Tool for Unconventional Natural Gas Development with Focus on Flowback and Produced Water Characterization, Treatment and Beneficial Use(CSM)\$0.28</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Frac Water Reuse (GE) \$1.1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Engineered Osmosis Treatment (CSM) \$1.3</i></b></p>
<b>Environmental</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Environmentally Friendly Drilling (HARC)* \$2.2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Zonal Isolation (CSI) \$3.0</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Understanding and Managing Environmental Roadblocks to Shale Gas Development: An Analysis of Shallow Gas, NORMs, and Trace Metals (UTexas)\$1.3</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reducing the Environmental Impact of Gas Shale Development: Advanced Analytical Methods for Air and Stray Gas Emissions and Produced Brine Characterization(GSI Environmental)\$3.4</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Development of Methods to Prohibit and Remediate Loss of Annular Isolation in Shale Gas Wells: Prevention and Remediation of Sustained Casing Pressure and Other Isolation Breaches(CSI)\$4.0</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Relationships between Induced Seismicity and Fluid Injection: Development of Strategies to Manage Fluid Disposal in Shale Hydrocarbon Plays(UTexas)\$0.96</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">*</p>
<b>Resource Assessment</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Alabama Shales (AL GS) \$.5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Manning Shales (UT GS) \$.43</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rockies Gas Comp. (CSM) \$.67</b></p>
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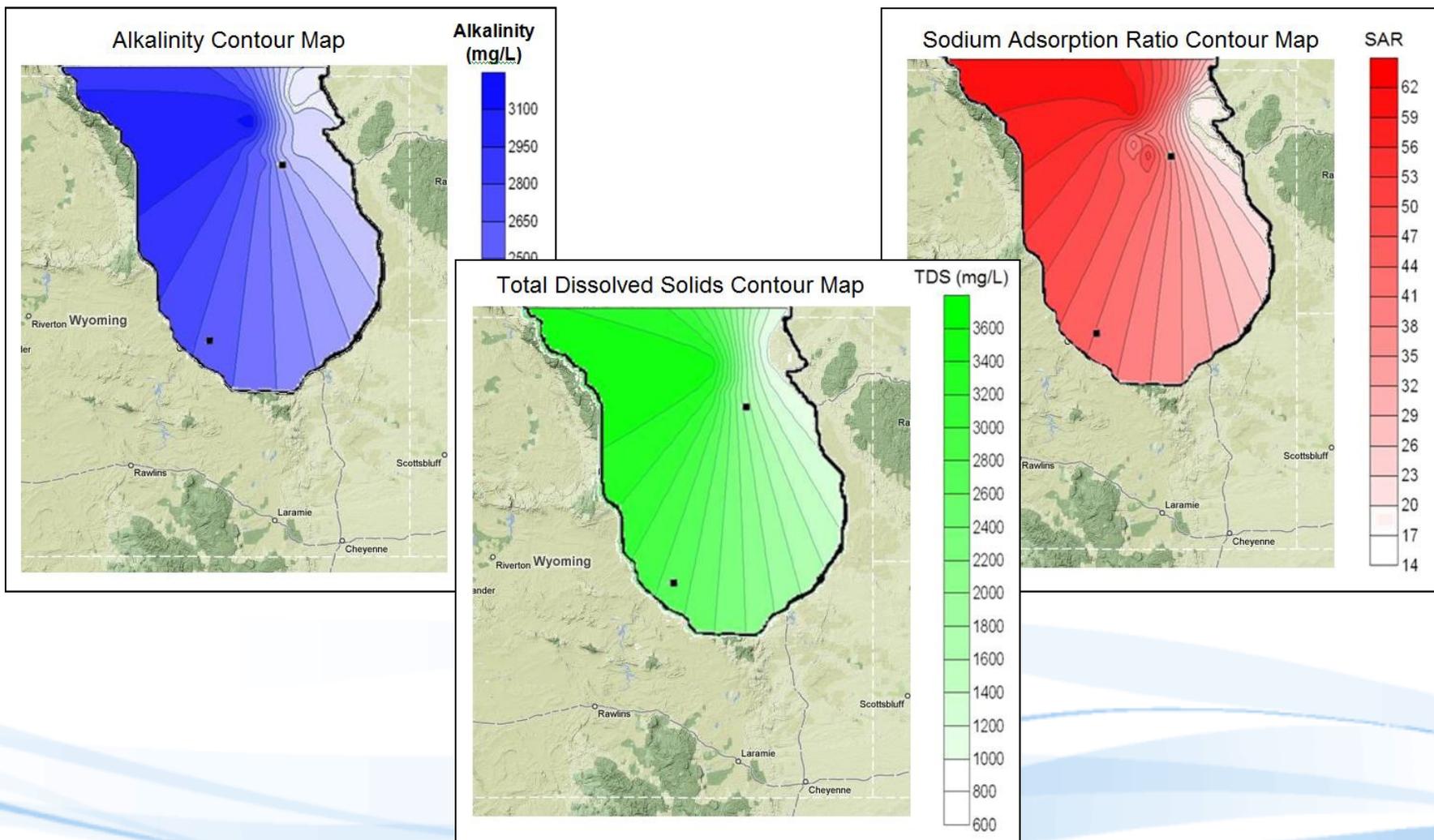
# Selected Program Results

# Cable Saw for Well Stimulation

2000 ft<sup>2</sup> Planar Slots for Enhanced Productivity



# Produced Water Quality: Powder River



**Reservoir Connectivity and Stimulated  
Gas Flow in Tight Sands  
“The Piceance Project”**



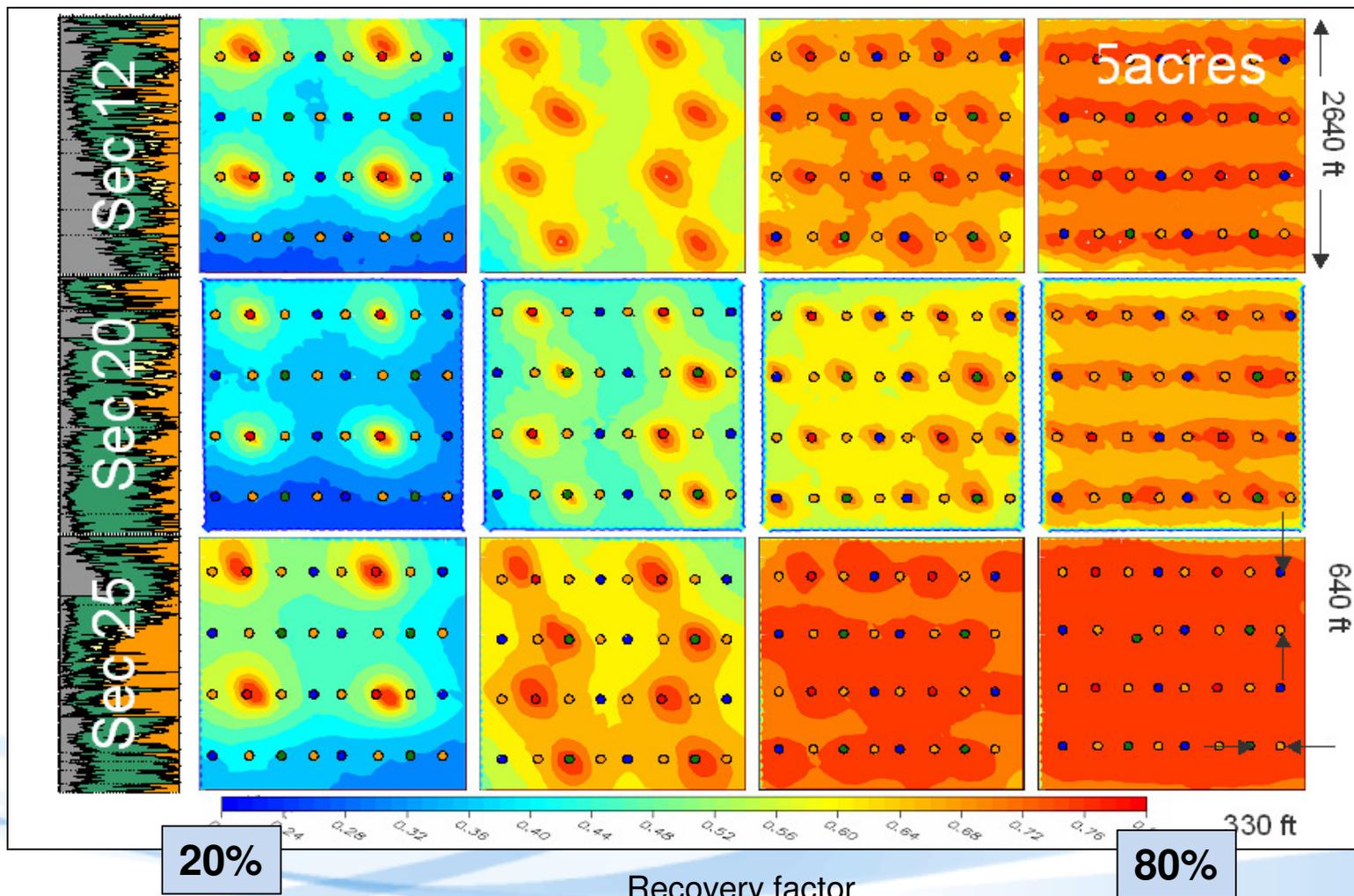
# Reservoir Connectivity - Tight Sands

Well Spacing → 40-acres

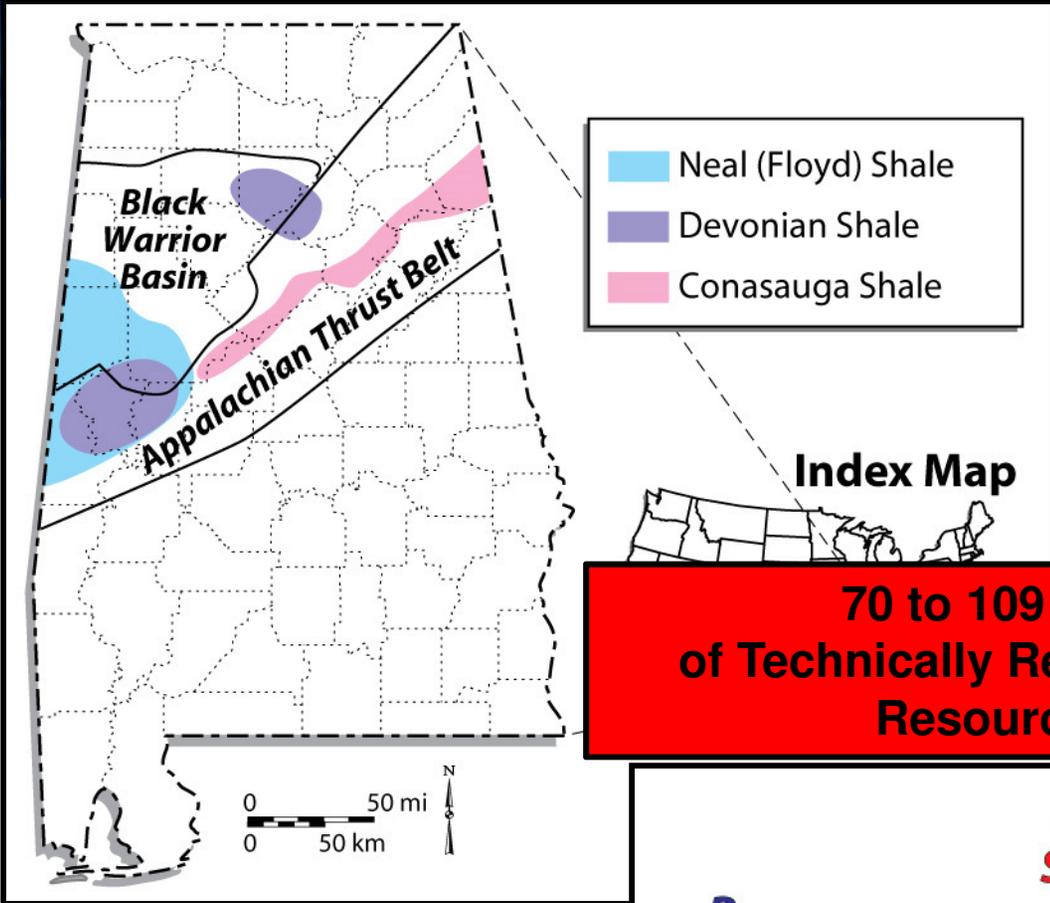
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10-acres

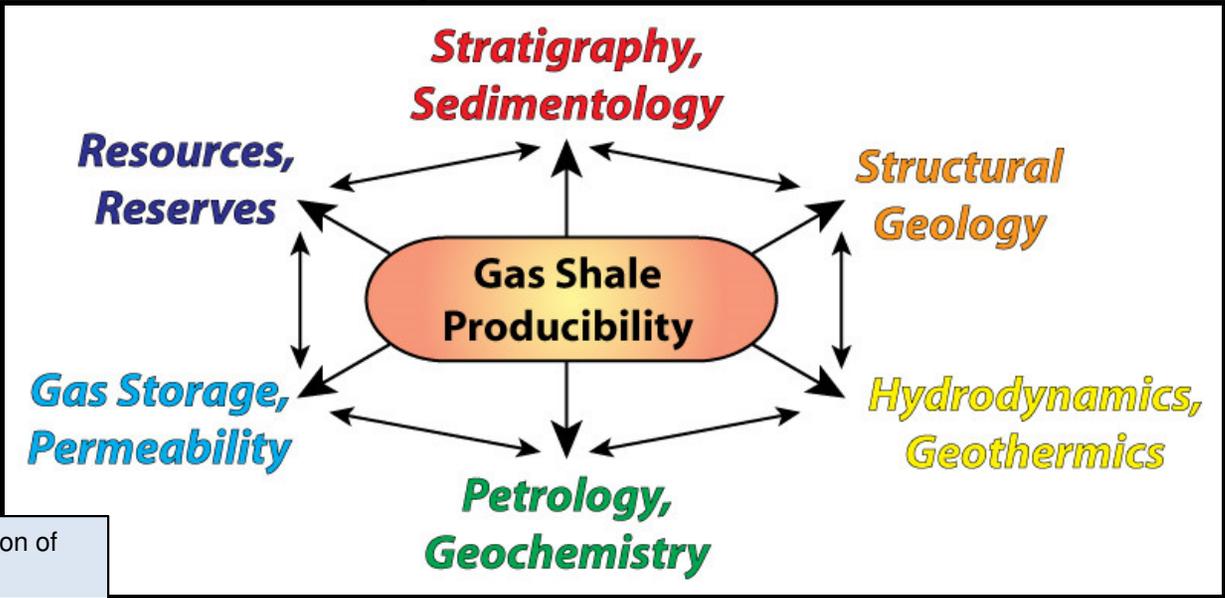
5-acres



# Shale Play Concepts Alabama Black Warrior Basin

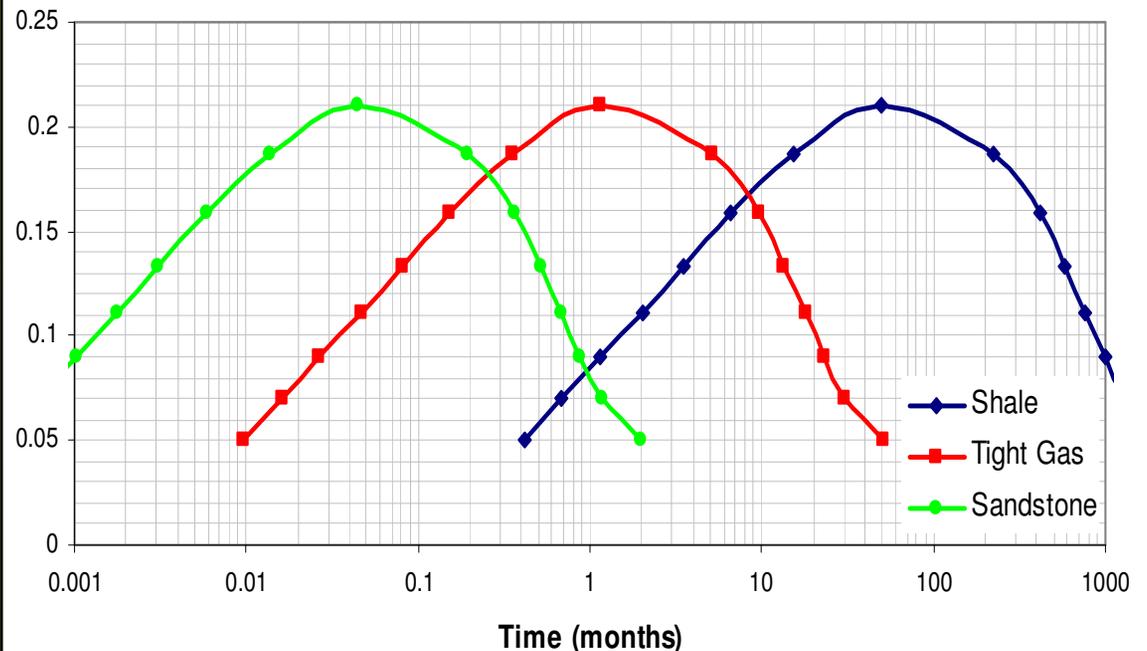


**70 to 109 Tcf  
of Technically Recoverable  
Resource**



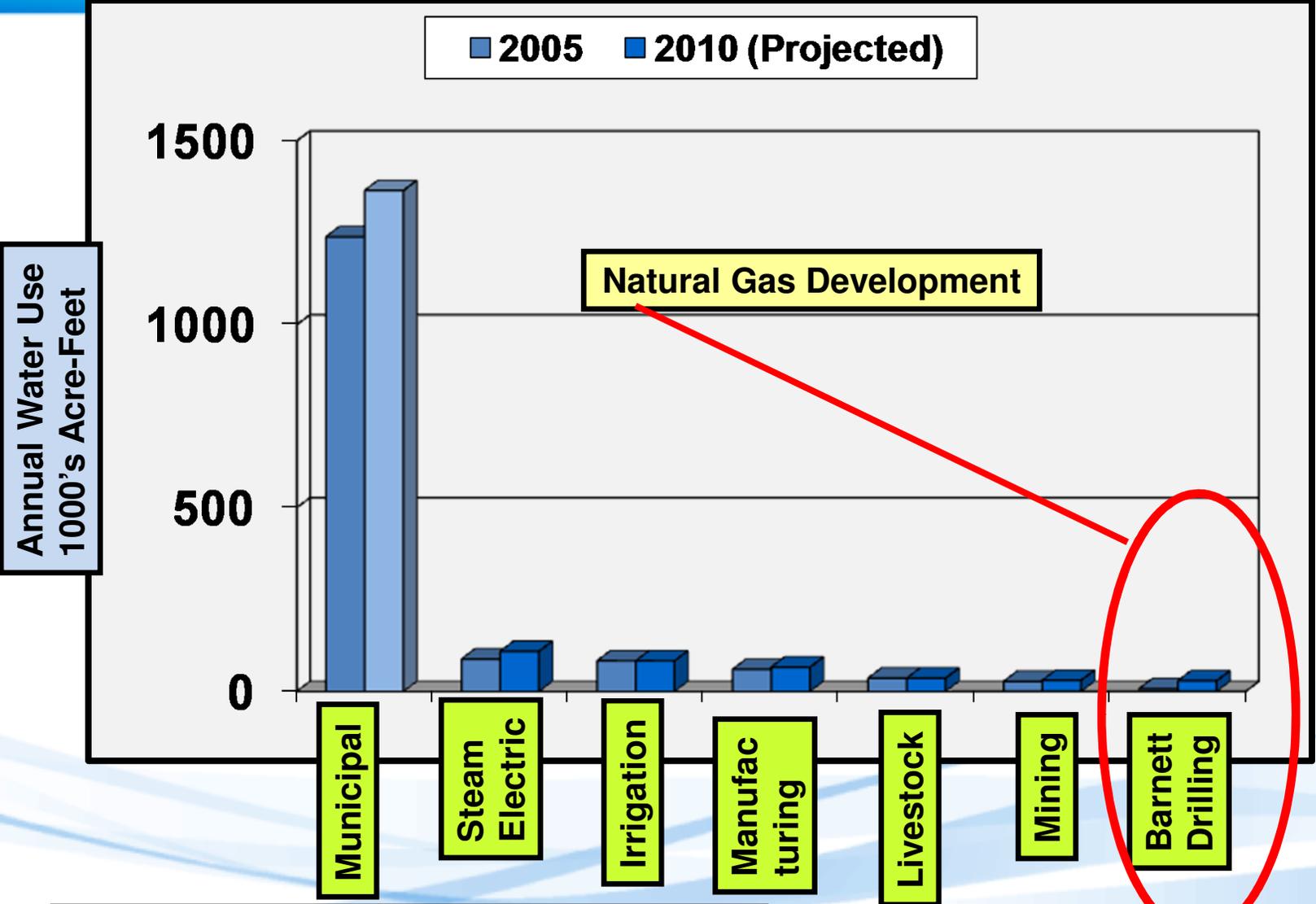
# Identification of Refracturing Opportunities

- Methodology for candidate selection based on poro-elastic models and analysis of field data.
- Recommendations for the time window most suitable for re-fracturing
- Re-fracture treatment design for horizontal and deviated wellbores



**Optimum time for re-fracturing**

# Freshwater Users in the Barnett Shale Region



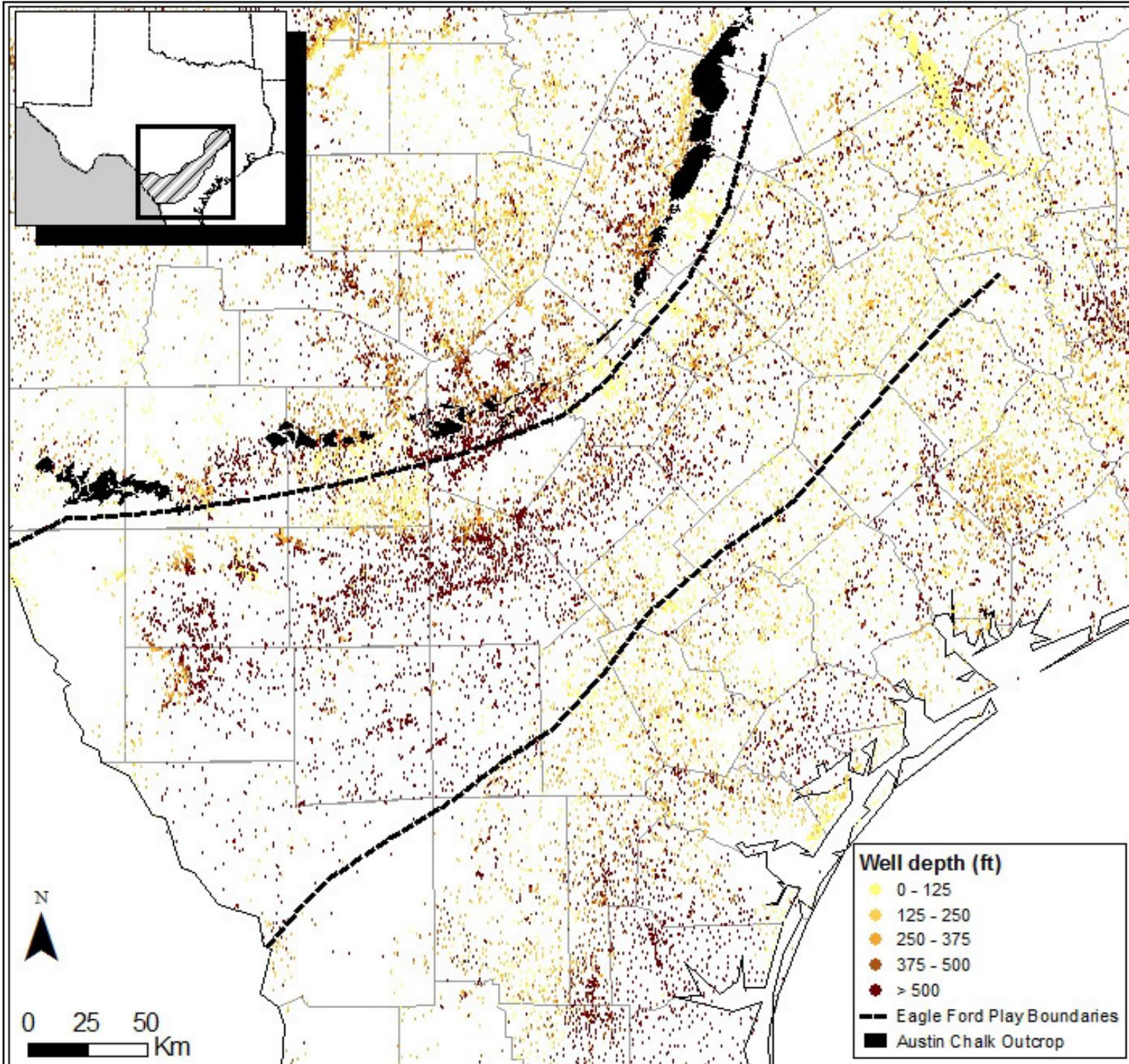
# What Flows Out – Is it a Witch's Brew of Toxins?

## Sampling and Analysis of Flow back Water

- **Sampling from 19 Marcellus Locations.**
- **Includes Chemistry and Analysis of Constituents of Interest.**
- **Lists of Constituents Provided by USEPA, WV-DEP and PA-DEP.**
- **Over 250 Determinations Performed on Samples.**



# Characterizing Ground Water and Eagle Ford Development Impact

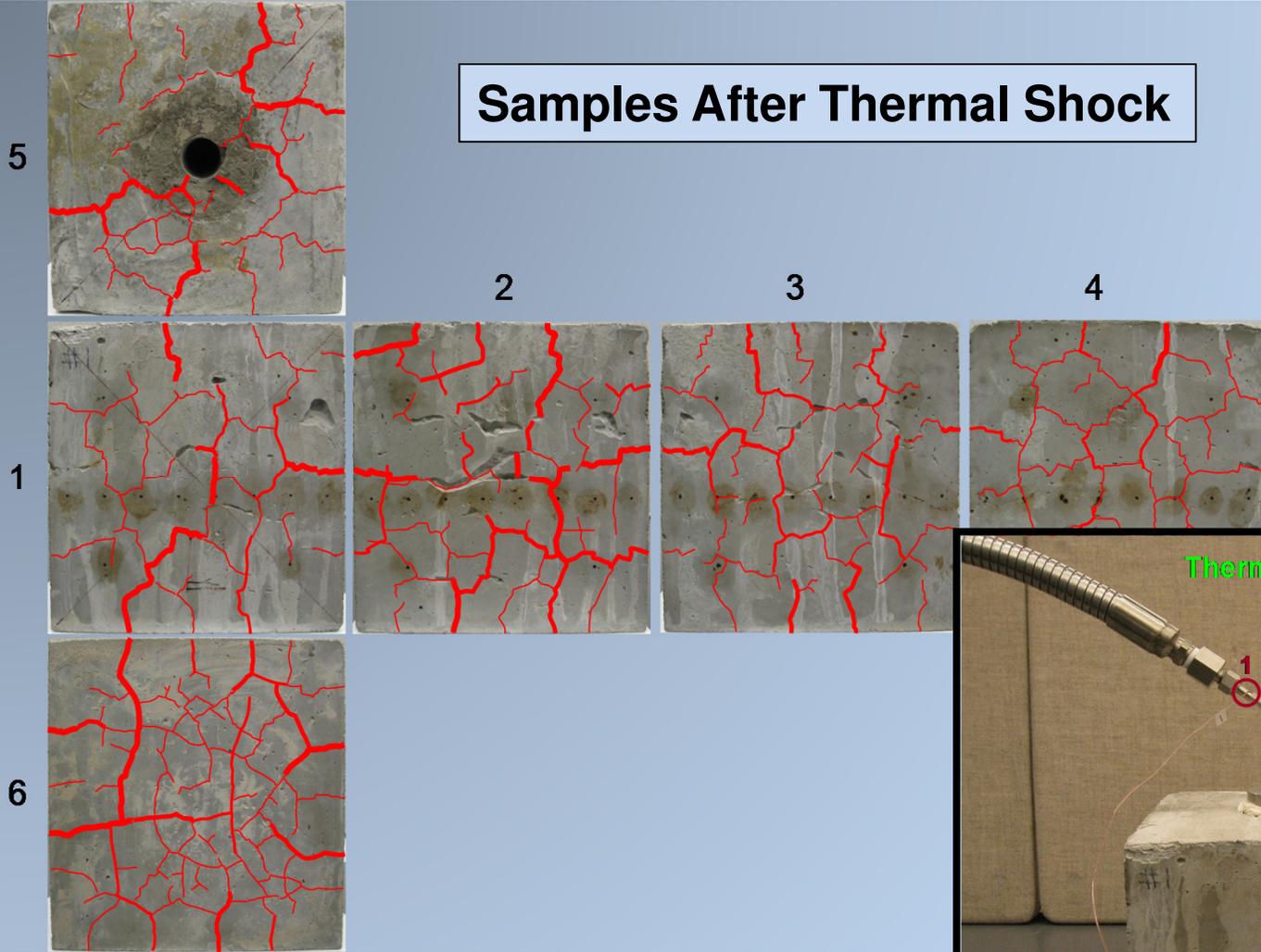


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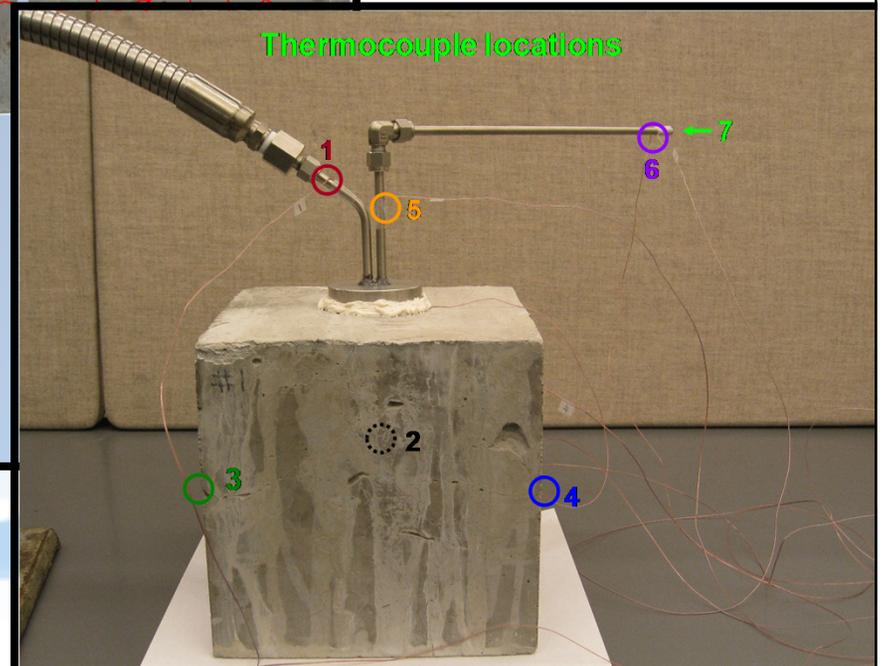


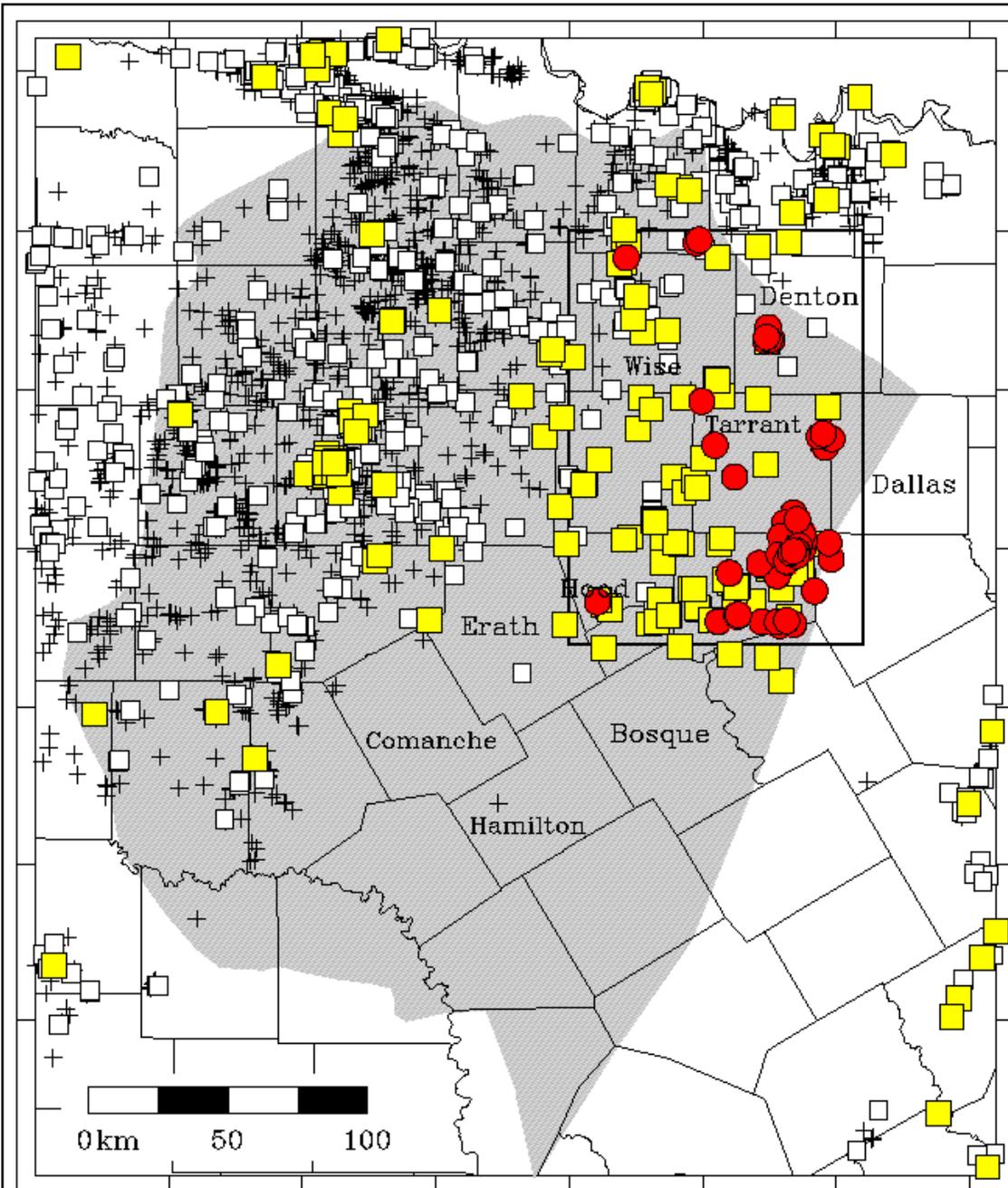
# Cryogenic Fracturing Fluids

Samples After Thermal Shock



Apparatus





## NE Texas Survey

- **Red Circles: Seismic Events**

- **Yellow Squares: High-Volume Wells**

**Events are near wells...  
e.g., Johnson County**

**But many wells/counties  
have no events...  
e.g., Parker County  
Stephens County**

**Will events occur near high-  
volume injection wells  
elsewhere?**

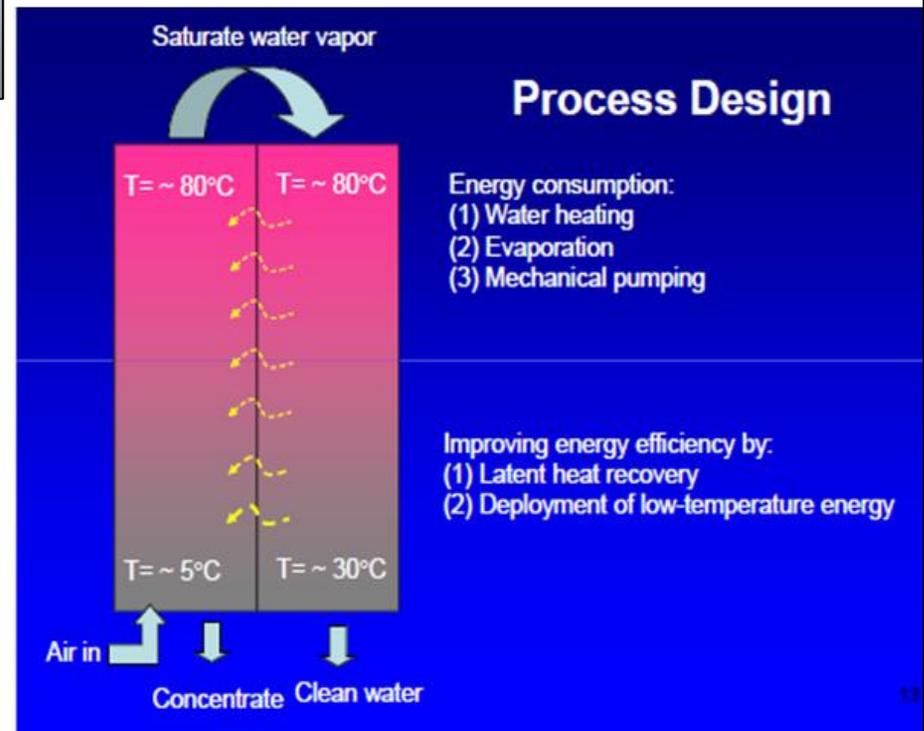
# Cost-Effective Treatment of Produced Water Using Co-Produced Energy Sources for Small Producers

## Environmental, Safety and Regulatory

Development of distillation for produced water purification at wellhead.

Prototype design capacity 20 bbl/day

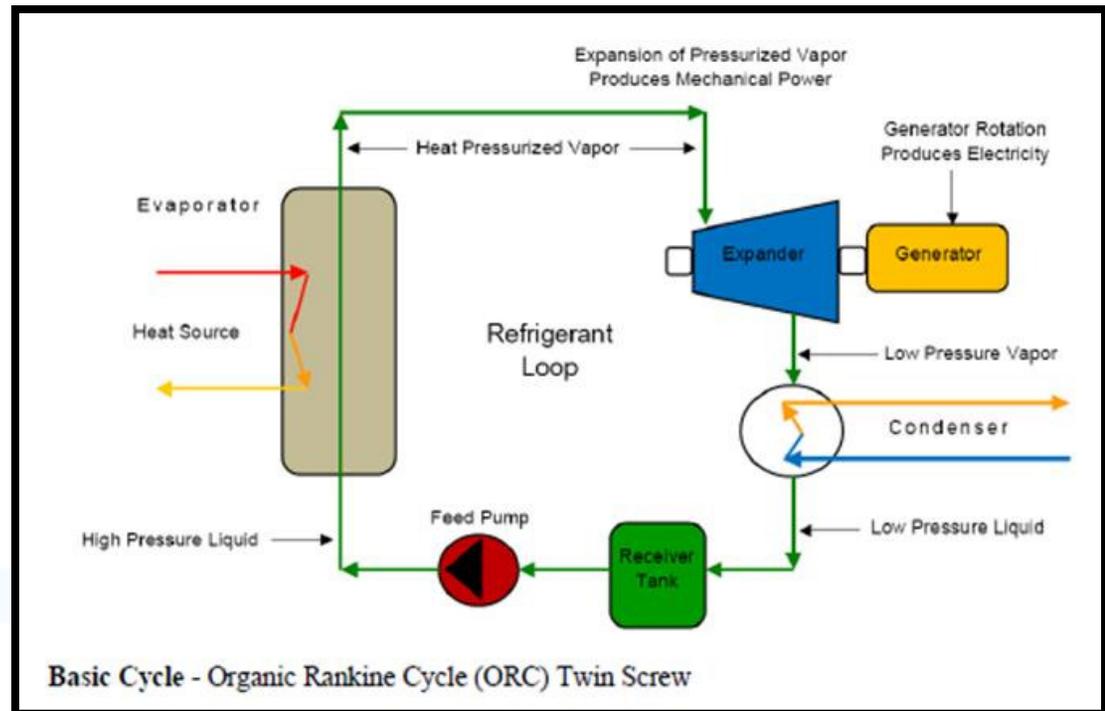
Purified produced water is suitable for alternative uses, such as agriculture, irrigation and industrial processing.



# Electrical Power Generation from Produced Water

Project Goal: using heat in produced water to create electricity.

Minimize the environmental impact by creating green electricity using produced water and no additional fossil fuel.



Denbury Resources, Inc.,

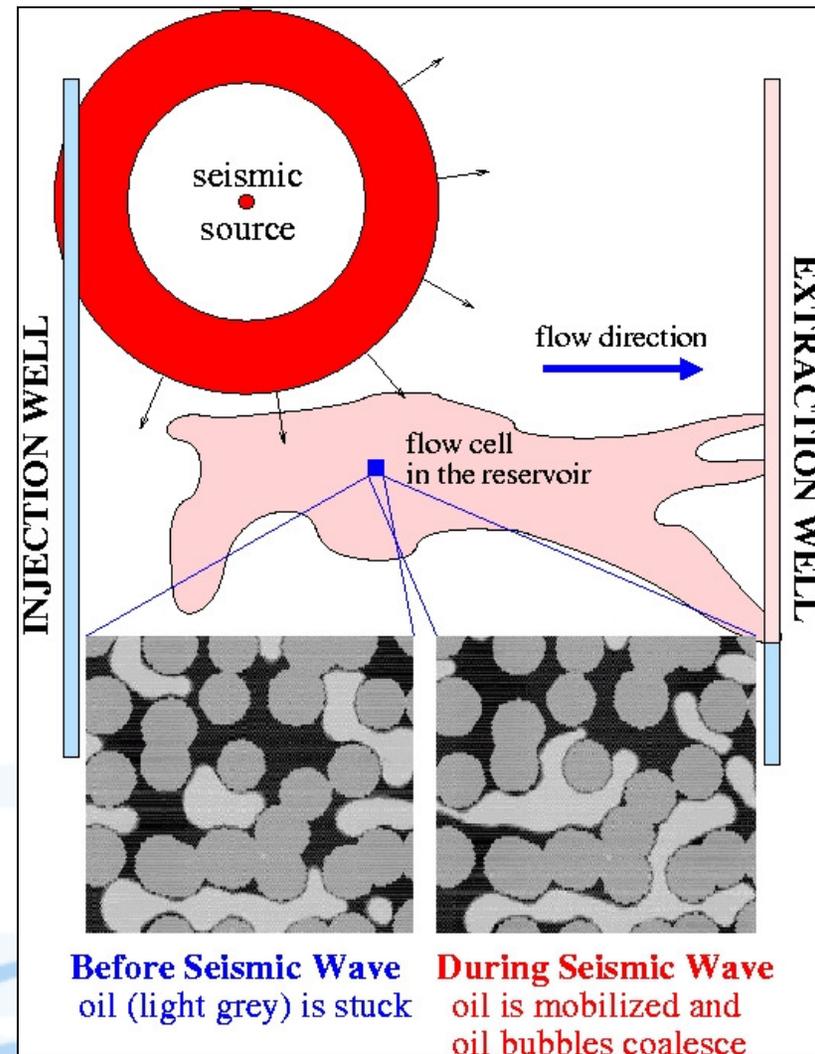
# Seismic Stimulation to Enhance Oil Recovery

## Increased Recovery

Test seismic stimulation in EOR

A seismic wave is to “*shake the stuck oil loose*” and get it flowing again toward a production well.

SandRidge to Field Test



# 2102 Request for Proposals

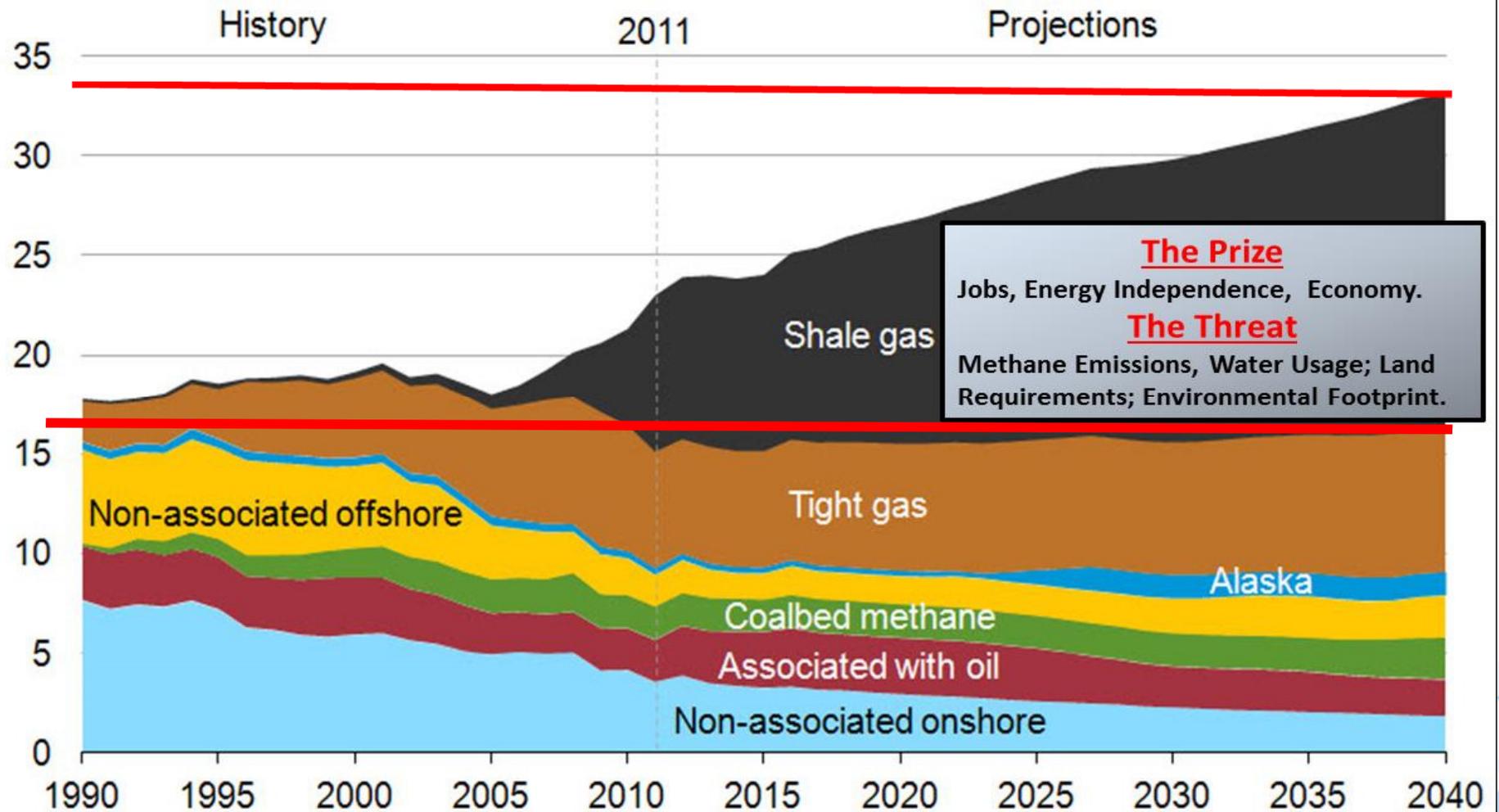
## Status

## **“Specific URTAC Topical Recommendations”**

- ***“Refocus the R&D component of the Subtitle J program to include other unconventional resources such as tight oil, and oil shale.”***
- ***“Research should be conducted to improve well construction that ensures long-term wellbore integrity during and beyond the operational life of the well.”***
- ***“Pursue research and communication among multiple government agencies and industry that addresses air quality concerns specific to the exploration and production of natural gas from shale deposits and other unconventional resources.”***

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**Thank You**  
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